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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY 2002/03 FSTIP Amendment No. 5 – Madera County Transportation  
Commission (MCTC)

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 5 to the Local Element of the MCTC's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 10, 2003. The MCTC adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 02-06, on January 24, 2003, approving these program modifications.

This amendment was requested to carry over three City of Madera projects from the 2000/01-2002/03 FTIP to reflect a change in schedule for three alternative fuel projects. Funding is from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, and Local match. Projects include the purchase of three Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) cars, two CNG pickup trucks (crew-cab), and two CNG utility vehicles (one-ton).

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607).

On January 30, 2003, the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) adopted the MCTC Air Quality Conformity Re-Determination covering MCTC's 2001 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and 2002/03-2004/05 FTIP Amendments No. 1 – 5. Based on our review, we find that FTIP Amendment No. 5 conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 and in accordance with January 2, 2002, guidance *Revised Guidance for Implementing the March 1999 Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity* and the Environmental Protection Agency's May 14, 1999, guidance *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision*.

This finding has been coordinated with the Region IX office of the Environmental Protection Agency. This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of the MCTC's FTIP Amendment No. 5 into California's 2002/03 - 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,



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